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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam and Messrs. Chairmen:

In accordance with the Attorney General's obligation, pursuant to section 502 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended ("FISA"), 50 U.S.C § 1801, *et seq.*, we are submitting a report related to the government's use of authorities under section 501 of FISA, 50 U.S.C. § 1861.

The enclosed document is classified. Accordingly, it is being provided for review by Members and appropriately-cleared staff from each of the four Committees, and will be delivered in accordance with our usual practice regarding such materials.

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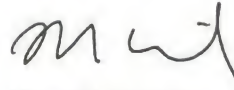
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We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald Weich
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
Vice Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
House Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger
Ranking Minority Member
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable John D. Bates
Presiding Judge
United States Foreign Intelligence
Surveillance Court

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**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT ON ACCESS TO CERTAIN
BUSINESS RECORDS FOR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES
UNDER THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT**

April 2012

This report is submitted pursuant to section 502 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (the "Act"), as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 1801, *et seq.*, and covers all applications for access to certain business records (including the production of tangible things) for foreign intelligence purposes under the Act during the calendar year 2011. (U)

The Government filed 205 applications with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) seeking authorization for access to certain business records (including the production of tangible things) for foreign intelligence purposes during this period. The FISC did not deny, in whole or in part, any such application submitted by the Government during calendar year 2011. The FISC modified the proposed orders submitted with 176 such applications in 2011 (requiring the Government to submit reports describing implementation of applicable minimization procedures). (~~S~~)

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